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Identical letters dated 11 August 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Annex to the identical letters dated 11 August 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to forward to your attention the Seven-Point Plan put forth by Fuad Siniora, Prime Minister of Lebanon, in Rome on Wednesday, 26 July 2006, and later adopted by the Lebanese Council of Ministers. This Plan calls for an immediate and comprehensive ceasefire and a declaration of agreement on the following points:

1. An undertaking to release the Lebanese and Israeli prisoners and detainees through the International Committee of the Red Cross.

2. The withdrawal of the Israeli army behind the Blue Line, and the return of the displaced to their villages.

3. A commitment from the Security Council to place the Shebaa Farms area and the Kfarshouba Hills under United Nations jurisdiction until border delineation and Lebanese sovereignty over them are fully settled. While in United Nations custody, the area will be accessible to Lebanese property owners there. Further, Israel surrenders all remaining landmine maps in South Lebanon to the United Nations.

4. The Lebanese Government extends its authority over its territory through its own legitimate armed forces, so that there will be no weapons or authority other than that of the Lebanese State, as stipulated in the Taef national reconciliation document.

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5. The United Nations international force, operating in South Lebanon, is supplemented and enhanced in numbers, equipment, mandate and scope of operation, as needed, in order to undertake urgent humanitarian and relief work and guarantee stability and security in the South so that those who fled their homes can return.

6. The United Nations, in cooperation with the relevant parties, undertakes the necessary measures to once again put into effect the Armistice Agreement signed by Lebanon and Israel in 1949, and to ensure adherence to the provisions of that agreement, as well as to explore possible amendments to or development of said provisions, as necessary.

7. The international community commits to support Lebanon on all levels, and to assist it in facing the tremendous burden resulting from the human, social and economic tragedy that has afflicted the country, especially in the areas of relief, reconstruction and rebuilding of the national economy.

I would be grateful if you could have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 14, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Caroline **Ziade**
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